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SUBJ: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, US VIEWS ON THE THREE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE KOREAN ITEM ON THE UNGA AGENDA WERE CONVEYED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (CONSEJERO MARTINEZ OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT). FOREIGN OFFICE HAS JUST COMPLETED ROUND OF TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT LAST WEEK WITH VISITING SPECIAL DELEGATION FROM NORTH KOREA.

2. GOA SUPPORTS PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH UNCURK AND IS IN ACCORD WITH OUR QUALIFICATION THAT IT BE DONE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO UNCURK'S ORIGINAL MANDATE AND PAST ACTIVITIES.

3. RE DUAL ADMISSION, MARTINEZ STATED THAT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION HAD STRESSED THEIR CONTINUING STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS CONCEPT, MAINTAINING POSITION DESCRIBED IN PARA 4 OF REFTTEL. WHEN ARGENTINES POINTED OUT INCONSISTENCY IN OPPOSING DUAL ENTRY WHILE PARTICIPATING WITH SOUTH KOREA IN THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, NORTH KOREANS STATED THAT THIS WAS A PRACTICAL MATTER WHICH IN THEIR VIEW WAS NOT INCONSISTENT, SINCE THEY CONSIDER THAT THEY DERIVE SPECIFIC BENEFITS FROM THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIELDS
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OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. MARTINEZ INDICATED THAT IN

VIEW OF THE RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE GOA AND NORTH KOREA, ARGENTINA PROBABLY WOULD
ABSTAIN IN ANY VOTE ON THIS ISSUE.

4. ACCORDING TO MARTINEZ, THE GOA WILL SUPPORT A PROPOSED
RESOLUTION ASKING BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA TO CONTINUE
THEIR DIALOG LOOKING TOWARD REUNIFICATION OF THE PENINSULA.

5. ON THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN KOREA, MARTINEZ SAID
THAT THE GOA POSITION HAD NOT YET BEEN FIXED. IN ITS
CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER, HE SAID, GOA OBVIOUSLY MUST
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT IT ALSO HAS RELATIONS TO MAINTAIN
WITH SOUTH KOREA. HE SAID THAT THE GOA POSITION WOULD BE
CLARIFIED ON THIS POINT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
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